



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of: Toshiyuki YAMAUCHI et al.

Application No.: 10/821,973

Filed: April 12, 2004

For: CRYSTALS OF VITAMIN D DERIVATIVES AND A METHOD FOR...

Art Unit: 1617

Examiner: B. P. BADIO

Washington, D.C.

Atty.'s Docket: YAMAUCHI3B

Date: December 5, 2005

Confirmation No. 3087

THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Randolph Building, Mail Stop Amendment
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a [XX] REPLY: RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REMARKS in the above-identified application.

[] Small Entity Status: Applicant(s) claim small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

[XX] No additional fee is required.

[] The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY	
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA EQUALS	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL	*	MINUS	** 20	0	x 25	\$		x 50	\$
INDEP.	*	MINUS	*** 3	0	x 100	\$		x 200	\$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ 180	\$		+ 360	\$
					ADDITIONAL FEE TOTAL		\$	OR	TOTAL
									\$

* If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.

** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid for" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (total or independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment of the number of claims originally filed.

[XX] Conditional Petition for Extension of Time

If any extension of time for a response is required, applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

[] It is hereby petitioned for an extension of time in accordance with 37 CFR 1.136(a). The appropriate fee required by 37 CFR 1.17 is calculated as shown below:

Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[] First - \$ 60.00
[] Second - \$ 225.00
[] Third - \$ 510.00
[] Fourth - \$ 795.00

Month After Time Period Set

Other Than Small Entity

Response Filed Within

[] First - \$ 120.00
[] Second - \$ 450.00
[] Third - \$ 1020.00
[] Fourth - \$ 1590.00

Month After Time Period Set

[] Less fees (\$) already paid for ___ month(s) extension of time on _____.

[] Please charge my Deposit Account No. 02-4035 in the amount of \$ _____.

[] Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached, authorizing payment in the amount of \$ _____.

[] A check in the amount of \$ _____ is attached (check no.).

[XX] The Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this application or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4035. This authorization and request is not limited to payment of all fees associated with this communication, including any Extension of Time fee, not covered by check or specific authorization, but is also intended to include all fees for the presentation of extra claims under 37 CFR §1.16 and all patent processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 throughout the prosecution of the case. This blanket authorization does not include patent issue fees under 37 CFR §1.18.

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND REMARKS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action mailed November 4, 2005, in the nature of a requirement for restriction, has been carefully reviewed. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Restriction has been required among what the Examiner considers to be patentably distinct inventions, as follows:

- I. Group I, drawn to a method of purifying a compound of formula II, presently comprising claims 1 and 2;
- II. Group II, drawn to a compound of formula II or IV, presently comprising claims 3, 4 and 13;

III. Group III, drawn to a method of preparing a purified compound of formula I, presently comprising claims 5-11;

IV. Group IV, drawn to a compound of formula III, presently comprising claim 2.

During a telephone interview with Examiner Badio December 5, 2005, it was noted that a preliminary amendment filed May 12, 2004, included claims 14 and 15, directed to compounds in the pre form.

Applicant hereby elects claim 14 and 15.

If the election requirement is maintained, it will be clear on the record that the PTO considers the groups to be patentably distinct from one another i.e., *prima facie* non-obvious from one another. This means that a reference identical to the one group would not render the other group *prima facie* obvious.

Favorable consideration and examination of all pending claims on the merits are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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